

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807  
Cook County, Illinois  
April 8, 2021**

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A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021, in the gymnasium at the Julia Molloy Education Center.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Governing Board President Chao called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**The following Governing Board Members were in attendance:**

District 67 Dr. Guy Hollingsworth, Delegate  
District 68 Ms. Meghan Espinoza, Delegate  
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate  
District 70 Mr. George Karagozian, Delegate, via Zoom  
District 72 Ms. Vicki Goldberg, Delegate  
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate  
District 73.5 Ms. Carla Arias, Delegate

**Governing Board Members Absent:**

District 71 Mr. Joe Kuffel, Delegate  
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

**Others Present:**

C. Perry, S. Arad, R. Mayhall, T. Kendrick, K. Gavin, and C. Dimas

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Governing Board recited the Pledge.

**Changes/Additions to the Agenda**

None

**Audience to Visitor**

None

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Member Chao moved to approve the following, as recommended by the Executive Director:

**Minutes from:**

Open Session of March 11, 2021  
Closed Session of March 11, 2021

**Personnel**

**Employment**

Vandre Hines, Paraprofessional, effective March 15, 2021

**Resignation**

Emily Bersnak, Teacher, effective June 11, 2021  
Marie O'Malley, Paraprofessional, effective March 26, 2021  
Jerika Smith, Paraprofessional, effective March 12, 2021

### Leave of Absence

Amanda Evans, Teacher, effective August 23, 2021

### Accounts Payable

Effective March 31, 2021 - \$64,307.33

Member Goldberg seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the motion was voted on as follows:

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Karagozian (D70), Goldberg (D72), Santoro (D73), Arias (D73.5)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kuffel (D71), Vranas (D74)

### Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick reported that she and Ms. Gavin attended a hearing on SB0517 - Equalized Funding Bill.

Mrs. Kendrick stated that she needs to hire several paraprofessionals for FY 22. She included a staffing proposal that will be discussed under New Business. Mrs. Kendrick stated that she will participate in a virtual job fair through Illinois Community Colleges Career Services. She is hoping to recruit paraprofessionals through the virtual job fair platform. Mrs. Kendrick reported that staffing for ESY (Extended School Year) has been difficult as registration is very low at Molloy and satellite sites. State assessments for students will begin on April 12, 2021. Mr. Ryan Mayhall and the education technology committee will continue to review SOPPA guidelines.

Mrs. Perry reported that Paraprofessional Appreciation Day was celebrated on April 7th. Each Paraprofessional received a special treat. She also reported that the Project ABLE students are participating in the Village of Morton Grove Earth Month project. Students will participate in activities at home and at school that teach them to be environmentally conscious. Mrs. Arad spoke about the annual student behavior training required for all staff. The 8-hour training for 2021 will begin on April 13th. Mrs. Arad also reported that NTDSE's Assistive Technology Coordinator, Matt Baud, was invited to speak at the American Speech and Hearing Association in November.

### Board Committee Reports

#### Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin stated that the Committee reviewed Accounts Payable. She reported that on March 22, 2021, the Morton Grove's Board of Trustees approved the second reading of Molloy's renovation project. Ms. Gavin spoke about the amended FY 21 budget that included the funds from the bond sale. The first reading of the amended budget was included under New Business. Ms. Gavin stated that health and dental renewal rate premiums will decrease in FY 22. The premium renewal rates are included under New Business for the Board's consideration. Ms. Gavin reported that CLIC (Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative) is researching premium rates for cyber insurance. Ms. Gavin stated that she and Mrs. Kendrick will host a presentation to business managers and Case Coordinators on IDEA funding.

#### Policy Report

None

#### CFC Report

None

**Closed Session**

At 7:15 P.M., it was moved by Member Chao that the Governing Board enter into closed session for the purpose of the discussion of personnel. Member Santoro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business**

Member Chao moved to renew the District's participation in the healthcare plan (both medical and dental) offered through membership in the Educational Benefit Cooperative (EBC) from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Arias seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the motion was voted on as follows:

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Karagozian (D70), Goldberg (D72), Santoro (D73), Arias (D73.5)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kuffel (D71), Vranas (D74)

Member Chao moved to approve the NTDSE staffing projections for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Goldberg seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the motion was voted on as follows:

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Karagozian (D70), Goldberg (D72), Santoro (D73), Arias (D73.5)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kuffel (D71), Vranas (D74)

Member Chao moved to approve the compensation packages for the following Administrators: S. Arad, R. Mayhall, F. Pilati, B. Sabourin and K. Smith, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the motion was voted on as follows:

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Karagozian (D70), Goldberg (D72), Santoro (D73), Arias (D73.5)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kuffel (D71), Vranas (D74)

Member Chao moved to approve the salary recommendations for the 12-Month Support Staff (G. Covington, C. Dimas, D. Haiges, A. Hastings, J. Hummel, K. O'Malley, L. Pusateri, A. Taylor, J. Thommen, and T. Villegas), as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Santoro seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the motion was voted on as follows:



Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Karagozian (D70), Goldberg (D72), Santoro (D73), Arias (D73.5)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kuffel (D71), Vranas (D74)

Member Chao informed the Board that the Executive Director's evaluation form will be sent to all Board delegates on Friday, April 9, 2021. He asked that they complete the evaluation by May 3, 2021.

**Old Business**

None

**Communications**

Mrs. Kendrick provided standard student and staff enrollment data. She also reviewed the staff recognition list. Mrs. Kendrick thanked Member Vicki Goldberg (D72) for her 12 years of service on the NTDSE Governing Board.

**Adjournment**

At 8:15 P.M., it was moved by Member Chao and seconded by Member Goldberg to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.



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President



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Secretary

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